

PPD ALERT



FedBizOpps

What is FedBizOpps?

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is in the process of being amended to designate FedBizOpps (Federal Business Opportunities) and formerly the Electronic Posting System (EPS)) as the single point of universal electronic public access

to Government-wide procurement opportunities. Use of this web-site will be mandatory for all Federal government purchases equal to or exceeding \$25,000. FedBizOpps will be accessible via the internet at <http://www.fedbizopps.gov>.

What does FedBizOpps mean for me?

- The proposed rule as published in the Federal Register dated August 21, 2000, will require all Federal agencies to transition to, or integrate with FedBizOpps by **October 1, 2001**. The system would give agencies the flexibility to post information (i.e., solicitations, amendments, modifications, notices, etc.) either to FedBizOpps or to their own web-sites to be accessed by the public via FedBizOpps.
- All Federal agencies must make contracting opportunities that meet the criteria in FAR 5.101 accessible via FedBizOpps. Most public notices of procurement actions over \$25,000 are now published in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD). Under the proposed rule, agencies would no longer furnish separate notices to the CBD. Agencies would direct FedBizOpps to forward the information to the CBD, using the current format prescribed for the electronic version of CBD, Commerce Business Daily Network (CBDNet).

Advantages

Government

- Central point for electronic access
- Eliminates need for individual websites
- Creates index of all business information at one internet location

Vendor Community

"One stop" access to business opportunities
Eases process for vendor decision-making
Makes notices of proposed contract actions available in a standardize format

What should I do now?

The purpose of this PPD ALERT is to make the REE Acquisition Workforce aware that a mandatory change in the way we do business will take place over the next year. Over the next several months, the PPD will issue policy and training guidance. For those who would like to get a head-start by obtaining independent training and practice using FedBizOpps, please visit:

<http://www2.eps.gov/EPSBuyersManual> and <http://demo.eps.gov>.

See enclosed page for implementation schedule.

FedBizOpps Implementation Milestones

1. Conduct a Data Call to Determine Agency Compliance with System Requirements.....10/20/00
2. Dissemination of PPD ALERT to Acquisition Workforce10/20/00
3. Selection of EPS Database Administrator11/15/00
4. Preparation and Dissemination of a Policy Bulletin01/31/01
5. Selection of Area, Location and Office Data-Base Administrators02/15/01
6. Commencement of FedBizOpps Self-study Training..... 03/15/01
7. Self-Certification of FedBizOpps Web-site Competency.....05/01/01
8. FedBizOpps User Registration of all REE Acquisition Personnel06/01/00
9. Full REE Usage of the FedBizOpps Web-Site06/01/01